

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
MAPLE-STEELE JOINT WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
JUNE 15, 2015

The Maple-Steele Joint Water Resource District met on June 15, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Jurgen Suhr, Chairman; Gerald Melvin, Maple River Water Resource District; Josh Ihry, Steele County Water Resource District; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Brenda Lovgren, Administrative Assistant; Sean Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; and Mike Opat, Engineer for the Board.

Participating by phone were Rodger Olson, Maple River Water Resource District; Tor Bergstrom and Greg Thykeson, Steele County Water Resource District.

Minutes

It was moved by Manager Melvin, seconded by Manager Ihry and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the April 2, May 5 and May 18, 2015, meetings, as presented.

Upper Maple River Dam – construction update

Mike Opat updated the Board regarding the construction status of the Upper Maple River Dam Project. Bore holes have been grouted. Industrial Builders, Inc. is currently working on the lower structure.

Upper Maple River Dam – *Change Order No. 1* and *Contractor's Application for Payment No. 2* related to construction delay costs

It was moved by Manager Ihry and seconded by Manager Melvin to approve *Change Order No. 1* for H & S Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$109,844.25 and *Contractor's Application for Payment No. 2* for H & S Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$363,342.24 regarding the Upper Maple River Dam Project. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Upper Maple River Dam – Barr Engineering Company hired for geotechnical work

Barr Engineering Company was hired to complete geotechnical work on the Upper Maple River Dam Project. The cost will be billed through Moore Engineering, Inc.

Upper Maple River Dam – Northern Technologies, Inc. hired for material testing

It was moved by Manager Ihry and seconded by Manager Melvin to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the *Short Form of Agreement* between the Maple-Steele

Joint Water Resource District and Northern Technologies, Inc. for material testing regarding the Upper Maple River Dam Project. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Upper Maple River Dam - tour

Moore Engineering, Inc. has two people on the construction site at all times and they are willing to conduct tours of the site with the Board. Landowners are also interested in touring the site. Moore Engineering, Inc. will discuss the matter with the contractor to comply with safety standards.

Upper Maple River Dam – Ryan Zerface

Mr. Opat reported that he received a call from Ryan Zerface with concerns of the landscape downstream of the Upper Maple River Dam and water backing up from the dam to the south. Mr. Opat assured Mr. Zerface that the completion of the Upper Maple River Dam would eliminate the issue. Mr. Zerface would like to meet with the Board to address his concerns and has requested that his email to Manager Ihry be put on record with the Water Resource District. Manager Ihry will forward the email to the Secretary-Treasurer and contact Mr. Zerface regarding the matter.

Upper Maple River Dam – bond issue

It was moved by Manager Melvin and seconded by Manager Ihry to approve the initial registration and setup expenses from Starion Bond Services in the amount of \$1,800 regarding the bond issue for the Upper Maple River Dam Project. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business for the Board to consider, it was moved by Manager Melvin, seconded by Manager Ihry and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

Jurgen Suhr
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer